

FROM OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT

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Years will be marriageable, which would be agreeable to a properly constituted English Parliament to sanction, or be approved of by the great majority of the English people? The Protestant succession of the country shut off at once (and very properly, too long as Protestantism is the established and constitutional religion of the country, and any royal marriage law exists) the alliance with any Royal race professing the Roman Catholic creed. With the exception of Belgium and Prussia, and some of the minor Powers of Germany, we scarcely know where our Royal Family can look for legal and constitutional husbands and wives. It has been already mentioned that the PRINCESS ROYAL of England is to be betrothed to the heir apparent to the throne of PRUSSIA. We will not speculate upon the *pros and cons* which sur-

minant items contributing to this result. In imports there has been a considerable increase in flour, coffee, sugar, spirits, and spices. There has been a diminution in tea and wines.

There is nothing new in Literature excepting the splendid work in folio, with seventy plates, of "The Palace of Sennacherib," forming the second series of the Monuments of Nineveh.

The news from the Continent is very scanty. Even France scarcely furnishes a paragraph; and in the dearth of information which can be depended upon, we have rumors on 'Change and elsewhere almost every day which no doubt effect the purposes for which they are intended, in operating either to excite or depress speculation, and furnish food for the daily journals—first in affirming and

The Parliamentary proceedings during the week have been highly important and interesting. On Friday Mr. MILNER GIBSON brought forward his motion for the repeal of what are called the taxes upon knowledge, viz. the duties upon advertisements, the newspaper stamps, and the excise duty on paper. All the well-known arguments in favor of the repeal of these duties were forcibly repeated. The Ministers admitted the correctness of these arguments, but urged that they could not do without the money which these taxes produced, and that it was rather unfair to bring forward motions affecting the revenue upon the very eve of the announcement of the annual budget. The Chancellor of the Exchequer would

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zinc, combine the stiffness of the latter with the durability of the former. A sheet of metal is thus produced which proves as hard and durable as one of lead several times its weight and thickness, while, in peculiar situations, the zinc is laid underneath, and is thus protected from atmospheric action, or the effect of acid vapors or liquid, by the preservative power of the lead. *The Mining Journal* thinks highly of the invention. Another new article is *stream writing paper*. This is said to be a cheap and serviceable manufacture; it is sold at 4d. the quire, foolscap size, and is adapted to all the purposes which paper is used. A third novelty is advertised by some of the London tailors, under the title of "trowsers without buttons or button holes," warranted to last twice as long as those made in the usual mode.

GERRIT SMITH has started a newspaper at Cazenovia called "The Progressive Christian." Some of the scoffers at things higher-lawish call it "The Christian Propeller."

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